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MACHINE TOOL ORDERS FOR OCTOBER UP 33%

The National Machine Tool Builders' Association reported today that October orders for new machine tools totalled over $231 million, up 33% from September. Cumulative orders for the first 10 months of 1985 totalled $2.16 billion.

"This is a welcome pick-up in industry activity, as many orders had been put on hold during the usual summer doldrums," commented James A. Gray, Association president. "I am gratified that the summer decline in activity has ended.

"Based on figures from the first 10 months of 1985, total orders for the year should end up just under $2.6 billion. This is somewhat less than 1984's total of $2.9 billion, but considerably better than 1982 and 1983, when orders averaged only $1.6 billion. Still, the industry has a long way to go to recover to its 1980 level, of $4.8 billion."

Orders for metal cutting machine tools, at $158.3 million, increased 27.6% in October, while shipments of $130 million were off 25.7% from September.

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Metal forming orders, totalling $73.3 million for October, were 46.5% above their September level. Metal forming shipments were $66.5 million, off 3.7% from the September total.

Machine tool order backlogs increased in October to $1.87 billion.

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NET NEW ORDERS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
October 1985	137,150	21,150	158,300	68,750	4,500	73,250	205,900	25,650	231,550
September 1985	108,250	15,850	124,100	36,600	13,400	50,000	144,850	29,250	174,100
% Change									
Oct.1985:Sept.1985	+26.7	+33.4	+27.6	+87.8	-66.4	+46.5	+42.1	-12.3	+33.0
October 1984	176,650	15,100	191,750	71,550	20,300	91,850	248,200	35,400	283,600
% Change									
Oct. 1985:Oct. 1984	-22.4	+40.1	-17.4	-3.9	-77.8	-20.3	-17.0	-27.5	-18.4
Year To Date 1985	1,381,600	185,650	1,567,250	535,350	57,050	592,400	1,916,950	242,700	2,159,650
Year To Date 1984	1,402,650	194,050	1,596,700	787,050	64,900	851,950	2,189,700	258,950	2,448,650
% Change									
1985 : 1984	-1.5	-4.3	-1.8	-32.0	-12.1	-30.5	-12.5	-6.3	-11.8

SHIPMENTS -- MACHINE TOOLS
(Thousands of Dollars)

	METAL CUTTING			METAL FORMING			TOTAL Cutting and Forming		
	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total	Domestic	Foreign	Total
October 1985	114,000	16,000	130,000	61,700	4,750	66,450	175,700	20,750	196,450
September 1985	158,600	16,350	174,950	62,200	6,800	69,000	220,800	23,150	243,950
% Change									
Oct.1985:Sept.1985	-28.1	-2.1	-25.7	-0.8	-30.1	-3.7	-20.4	-10.4	-19.5
October 1984	129,450	15,700	145,150	57,600	5,000	62,600	187,050	20,700	207,750
% Change									
Oct. 1985:Oct. 1984	-11.9	+1.9	-10.4	+7.1	-5.0	+6.2	-6.1	+0.2	-5.4
Year To Date 1985	1,198,550	116,550	1,315,100	604,650	49,100	653,750	1,803,200	165,650	1,968,850
Year To Date 1984	1,153,250	93,350	1,246,600	491,350	60,450	551,800	1,644,600	153,800	1,798,400
% Change									
1985 : 1984	+3.9	+24.9	+5.5	+23.1	-18.8	+18.5	+9.6	+7.7	+9.5

Source: National Machine Tool Builders' Association

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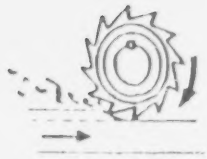
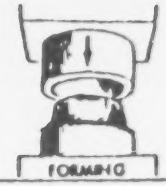


TOTAL INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
MACHINE TOOLS - CUTTING AND FORMING
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog



DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985							
Jan.	$ 195,900,000	$ 15,550,000	$ 211,450,000	1,748.30	$ 126,550,000	$ 11,250,000	$ 137,800,000
Feb.	$ 217,600,000	$ 19,900,000	$ 237,500,000	1,819.55	$ 151,650,000	$ 14,600,000	$ 166,250,000
Mar.	$ 249,750,000	$ 29,550,000	$ 279,300,000	1,871.20	$ 204,550,000	$ 23,100,000	$ 227,650,000
Apr.	$ 170,150,000	$ 13,350,000	$ 183,500,000	1,884.95	$ 161,800,000	$ 7,950,000	$ 169,750,000
May	$ 203,800,000	$ 18,900,000	$ 222,700,000	1,930.35	$ 163,800,000	$ 13,500,000	$ 177,300,000
June	$ 208,500,000	$ 26,700,000	$ 235,200,000	1,926.55	$ 222,750,000	$ 16,250,000	$ 239,000,000
July	$ 157,900,000	$ 41,950,000	$ 199,850,000	1,931.60	$ 174,550,000	$ 20,250,000	$ 194,800,000
Aug.	$ 162,600,000	$ 21,900,000	$ 184,500,000	1,900.20	$ 201,050,000	$ 14,850,000	$ 215,900,000
Sept.	$ 144,850,000	$ 29,250,000	$ 174,100,000	1,830.35	$ 220,800,000	$ 23,150,000	$ 243,950,000
Oct. (p)	$ 205,900,000	$ 25,650,000	$ 231,550,000	1,865.45	$ 175,700,000	$ 20,750,000	$ 196,450,000
10 Mos.	$1,916,950,000	$ 242,700,000	$2,159,650,000		$1,803,200,000	$ 165,650,000	$1,968,850,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985						
Jan.	$ 209,000,000	$ 17,850,000	$ 226,850,000	$ 13,100,000	$ 2,300,000	$ 15,400,000
Feb.	$ 230,450,000	$ 20,650,000	$ 251,100,000	$ 12,850,000	$ 750,000	$ 13,600,000
Mar.	$ 266,100,000	$ 32,350,000	$ 298,450,000	$ 16,350,000	$ 2,800,000	$ 19,150,000
Apr.	$ 176,350,000	$ 14,950,000	$ 191,300,000	$ 6,200,000	$ 1,600,000	$ 7,800,000
May	$ 216,650,000	$ 19,250,000	$ 235,900,000	$ 12,850,000	$ 350,000	$ 13,200,000
June	$ 237,300,000	$ 27,900,000	$ 265,200,000	$ 28,800,000	$ 1,200,000	$ 30,000,000
July	$ 167,150,000	$ 42,250,000	$ 209,400,000	$ 9,250,000	$ 300,000	$ 9,550,000
Aug.	$ 167,000,000	$ 22,700,000	$ 189,700,000	$ 4,400,000	$ 800,000	$ 5,200,000
Sept.	$ 157,500,000	$ 29,800,000	$ 187,300,000	$ 12,650,000	$ 550,000	$ 13,200,000
Oct. (p)	$ 216,000,000	$ 26,800,000	$ 242,800,000	$ 10,100,000	$ 1,150,000	$ 11,250,000
10 Mos.	$2,043,500,000	$ 254,500,000	$2,298,000,000	$ 126,550,000	$ 11,800,000	$ 138,350,000

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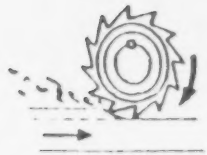

INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL CUTTING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985							
Jan.	$ 124,750,000	$ 13,000,000	$ 137,750,000	1,180.45	$ 80,600,000	$ 9,150,000	$ 89,750,000
Feb.	$ 148,050,000	$ 15,700,000	$ 163,750,000	1,235.90	$ 98,950,000	$ 9,350,000	$ 108,300,000
Mar.	$ 202,700,000	$ 24,300,000	$ 227,000,000	1,303.90	$ 140,350,000	$ 18,650,000	$ 159,000,000
Apr.	$ 112,850,000	$ 9,250,000	$ 122,100,000	1,322.85	$ 98,150,000	$ 5,000,000	$ 103,150,000
May	$ 157,350,000	$ 13,400,000	$ 170,750,000	1,374.75	$ 110,000,000	$ 8,850,000	$ 118,850,000
June	$ 159,950,000	$ 22,900,000	$ 182,850,000	1,394.60	$ 149,400,000	$ 13,600,000	$ 163,000,000
July	$ 114,850,000	$ 35,000,000	$ 149,850,000	1,419.40	$ 111,300,000	$ 13,750,000	$ 125,050,000
Aug.	$ 115,700,000	$ 15,100,000	$ 130,800,000	1,407.15	$ 137,200,000	$ 5,850,000	$ 143,050,000
Sept.	$ 108,250,000	$ 15,850,000	$ 124,100,000	1,356.30	$ 158,600,000	$ 16,350,000	$ 174,950,000
Oct. (p)	$ 137,150,000	$ 21,150,000	$ 158,300,000	1,384.60	$ 114,000,000	$ 16,000,000	$ 130,000,000
10 Mos.	$1,381,600,000	$ 185,650,000	$1,567,250,000		$1,198,550,000	$116,550,000	$1,315,100,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985						
Jan.	$ 136,250,000	$ 14,050,000	$ 150,300,000	$ 11,500,000	$ 1,050,000	$ 12,550,000
Feb.	$ 158,900,000	$ 16,400,000	$ 175,300,000	$ 10,850,000	$ 700,000	$ 11,550,000
Mar.	$ 212,600,000	$ 27,050,000	$ 239,650,000	$ 9,900,000	$ 2,750,000	$ 12,650,000
Apr.	$ 117,000,000	$ 10,200,000	$ 127,200,000	$ 4,150,000	$ 950,000	$ 5,100,000
May	$ 163,800,000	$ 13,700,000	$ 177,500,000	$ 6,450,000	$ 300,000	$ 6,750,000
June	$ 187,050,000	$ 24,050,000	$ 211,100,000	$ 27,100,000	$ 1,150,000	$ 28,250,000
July	$ 121,550,000	$ 35,250,000	$ 156,800,000	$ 6,700,000	$ 250,000	$ 6,950,000
Aug.	$ 119,900,000	$ 15,850,000	$ 135,750,000	$ 4,200,000	$ 750,000	$ 4,950,000
Sept.	$ 117,000,000	$ 16,300,000	$ 133,300,000	$ 8,750,000	$ 450,000	$ 9,200,000
Oct. (p)	$ 144,450,000	$ 21,800,000	$ 166,250,000	$ 7,300,000	$ 650,000	$ 7,950,000
10 Mos.	$1,478,500,000	$ 194,650,000	$1,673,150,000	$ 96,900,000	$ 9,000,000	$ 105,900,000

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INDUSTRY ESTIMATE
METAL FORMING TYPE MACHINE TOOLS
New Orders, Cancellations, Shipments and Backlog

DATE	NET NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	Order Backlog (In Mil. $)	SHIPMENTS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985							
Jan.	$ 71,150,000	$ 2,550,000	$ 73,700,000	567.85	$ 45,950,000	$ 2,100,000	$ 48,050,000
Feb.	$ 69,550,000	$ 4,200,000	$ 73,750,000	583.65	$ 52,700,000	$ 5,250,000	$ 57,950,000
Mar.	$ 47,050,000	$ 5,250,000	$ 52,300,000	567.30	$ 64,200,000	$ 4,450,000	$ 68,650,000
Apr.	$ 57,300,000	$ 4,100,000	$ 61,400,000	562.10	$ 63,650,000	$ 2,950,000	$ 66,600,000
May	$ 46,450,000	$ 5,500,000	$ 51,950,000	555.60	$ 53,800,000	$ 4,650,000	$ 58,450,000
June	$ 48,550,000	$ 3,800,000	$ 52,350,000	531.95	$ 73,350,000	$ 2,650,000	$ 76,000,000
July	$ 43,050,000	$ 6,950,000	$ 50,000,000	512.20	$ 63,250,000	$ 6,500,000	$ 69,750,000
Aug.	$ 46,900,000	$ 6,800,000	$ 53,700,000	493.05	$ 63,850,000	$ 9,000,000	$ 72,850,000
Sept.	$ 36,600,000	$ 13,400,000	$ 50,000,000	474.05	$ 62,200,000	$ 6,800,000	$ 69,000,000
Oct. (p)	$ 68,750,000	$ 4,500,000	$ 73,250,000	480.85	$ 61,700,000	$ 4,750,000	$ 66,450,000
10 Mos.	$ 535,350,000	$ 57,050,000	$ 592,400,000		$ 604,650,000	$ 49,100,000	$ 653,750,000

DATE	GROSS NEW ORDERS Domestic	Foreign	Total	CANCELLATIONS Domestic	Foreign	Total
1985						
Jan.	$ 72,750,000	$ 3,800,000	$ 76,550,000	$ 1,600,000	$ 1,250,000	$ 2,850,000
Feb.	$ 71,550,000	$ 4,250,000	$ 75,800,000	$ 2,000,000	$ 50,000	$ 2,050,000
Mar.	$ 53,500,000	$ 5,300,000	$ 58,800,000	$ 6,450,000	$ 50,000	$ 6,500,000
Apr.	$ 59,350,000	$ 4,750,000	$ 64,100,000	$ 2,050,000	$ 650,000	$ 2,700,000
May	$ 52,850,000	$ 5,550,000	$ 58,400,000	$ 6,400,000	$ 50,000	$ 6,450,000
June	$ 50,250,000	$ 3,850,000	$ 54,100,000	$ 1,700,000	$ 50,000	$ 1,750,000
July	$ 45,600,000	$ 7,000,000	$ 52,600,000	$ 2,550,000	$ 50,000	$ 2,600,000
Aug.	$ 47,100,000	$ 6,850,000	$ 53,950,000	$ 200,000	$ 50,000	$ 250,000
Sept.	$ 40,500,000	$ 13,500,000	$ 54,000,000	$ 3,900,000	$ 100,000	$ 4,000,000
Oct. (p)	$ 71,550,000	$ 5,000,000	$ 76,550,000	$ 2,800,000	$ 500,000	$ 3,300,000
10 Mos.	$ 565,000,000	$ 59,850,000	$ 624,850,000	$ 29,650,000	$ 2,800,000	$ 32,450,000

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MACHINE TOOL ORDERS DOWN 19% IN NOVEMBER

The National Machine Tool Builders' Association reported today that November net new orders for machine tools totalled just over $186 million, down 19% from October. Cumulative orders for the first eleven months of 1985 totalled $2.34 billion, a level 12% below the value of orders received during the same period last year. November machine tool shipments stood at $197 million, down 1% from October, and left the year-to-date total at $2.17 billion, an increase of 8% over the 1984 eleven month total.

"The continued slump in machine tool orders reflects the current status of America's manufacturing industries. While the overall economy is beginning to show signs of rekindled growth, the manufacturing sector is still struggling," commented James A. Gray, Association president. "Adding to our problems is concern over the fate of tax reform. As things currently stand, Congress is poised to take back the very elements that led to the capital spending boom of the early 1980s."

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